*Father Joseph E. Vamos*

1966 - 1991

25TH ANNIVERSARY

# *OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA*

**Monday, May 20 — Weekday**
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

**Tuesday, May 21 — Weekday**
8:00 a.m. †Robert Fisher III

**Wednesday, May 22 — Weekday**
8:00 a.m. †Gerry Keegan by Bill & Marian Jones

**Thursday, May 23 — Weekday**
8:00 a.m. †George Badovich by Beverly & Theresa Badovich

**Friday, May 24 — Weekday**
8:00 a.m. Continued good health for Ryan Gagliardi by Grandma & Grandpa Sopko

**Saturday, May 25 — Vigil: Trinity Sunday**
2:00 p.m. Wedding: G. Chihara/J. Bannister
4:30 p.m. †Nicholas Kuhn by Friends

**Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday**
8:30 a.m.BF Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Fr. Vamos' Family Mass

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25**
Servers: K. DeYoung, D. O'Brien, J. Franz, K. Karimi, J. Farley
Lector: S. Bartok
E.M.'S M. & B. Bowman

**8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 26**
Servers: M. Pruzin, E. Smith, K. Lester, J. French, B. Verbik
Lector: P. Sohaney
E.M.'S: M. Pankiewicz, W. Schreiner, M. Sohovich

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, May 26**
Servers: J. Sokit, A. Walla, E. Randolph, A. Ramirez, A. Nodd
Lector: T. Johnston
E.M.'S: C. Bennett, R. Berry, M. Boilek, F. Certa, M. Chevigny, J. Snelson, A. Gill

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick & convalescing members of our parish family especially Rose Virgo.

# Baptism

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized on May 12:
Lindsay Rene Mendez, daughter of Martin & Peggy Mendez;
Amanda Judith Vidovich, daughter of Tod & Angela Vidovich;
Maegen Marie Maloney, daughter of Scott & Pamela Maloney.

# BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns III — Greg Chihara & Jennifer Bannister

## Rest in Peace

In your prayers kindly remember the soul of Jeanette Minniti. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

## PARISH SUPPORT
**May 12, 1991**

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| Ascension Collection | $1,171.42 |
| Sunday Collection | $4,832.82 |
| Catholic Charities | $346.50 |
| Misc. Building Fund | $230.00 |
| **Pledge Recap** | |
| Pledge Balance Forward | $374,213.33 |
| Payments 5/12 | 861.50 |
| Total Pledge Payments | $375,074.83 |

## IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, May 19**
Fr. Vamos' 25th Anniversary Mass, 11:00 a.m.
Fr. Vamos' 25th Anniversary Dinner, PAC, 2 - 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 22**
Cantor Practice, Church, 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir, Church, 7:00 p.m.

## ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

The next meeting for the Altar & Rosary Sodality on **June 6** will feature a speaker from the Lake County Parks Department. There will be a color slide presentation on our County Parks. All ladies are invited to attend. The evening will begin with the recitation of the rosary at 6:45 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## EVENING OF REFLECTION

There will be an Evening of Reflection for liturgical ministers (Eucharistic minister, minister of care, music minister, lector, usher, minister of hospitality) on **Wed. May 29 from 7 - 9 p.m.** at St. Matthias, Cr. Pt. If you are interested in attending please call the Parish Office by May 24.

## PHOENIX (FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED)

The Phoenix support group will meet on Mon. May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's school library. Rev. Muha's topic: "When I Divorce a Spouse, Does the Church Divorce Me?" For info: 365-5633.

Joseph Edward Vamos thought seriously of the priesthood as a youngster. Monsignor Francis Jansen and Father Fred Cardinali inspired Joe during his elementary school years at St. Joseph's School in Hammond, and the desire to serve God became stronger at Bishop Noll High School. In 1957 he answered that persistent calling and entered St. Meinrad Seminary in the gentle rolling hill country of southern Indiana. He graduated college in 1962 with degrees in Latin and History Education and completed seminary studies for ordination on May 28, 1966. Reverend Father Joseph Vamos celebrated his First Solemn High Mass on May 29th, 1966 at St. Joseph Church in Hammond, Indiana.

During the next twenty-five years he would serve:

Holy Family Hospital, La Porte (Chaplain)
St. Luke, Gary
St. Catherine of Siena, Hammond
Our Lady of Grace, Highland
Holy Trinity, East Chicago (Administrator)
St. John Bosco, Hammond
Newman Center Purdue Calumet (Chaplain)
St. Joseph Church, Hammond (Pastor)
Serra Club (Chaplain)
Hammond Police Department (Chaplain)
St. Michael, Schererville (Pastor)
Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville (Pastor)

Under his direct supervision St. Joseph Church was renovated and a special chapel constructed for funeral services at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hammond. A second addition and the large multi-purpose gym/hall were built at St. Michael in Schererville. At Our Lady of Consolation Father Vamos has been instrumental in the completion of a new rectory and the parish activity center.

"But the church is more than buildings. The church is people," says Father Vamos, who experienced first-hand the profound changes of the Vatican II Ecumenical Council. His was the new class of priests to celebrate mass in English and face the congregation. A real people person, he continually applauds increased involvement of the laity in catechetics, various support ministries, and the RCIA program.

Father Vamos has traveled the United States (in a tent), visited the Holy Land and Rome, and toured his ancestral home of Hungary by motorcar. Father recently returned from a month's mission work in the town of Somodi (Show-moe-dee) Czechoslovakia, where he lived with a local family and ministered to a Hungarian congregation enjoying freedom from Communism and the Soviet Union. It was in Somodi that Father found the original woodcut print featured on the preceding page. He immediately felt its powerful yet simple message and decided to share it with friends and family.

Father's parents, Helen and Joseph Vamos, reside in Munster and his brother and sister-in-law, Emery and Judy, live in St. John. Father is uncle to Elizabeth (married to Ralph Boxer), Emery, Jr. (married to Kristi), Charles, and grand uncle to the family's new addition, Samuel Emery Vamos, age 14 months.

Twenty-five years is a long time to witness the human spirit as it rises and falls under the realities of daily living. Twenty-five years is a long time to guide and counsel, and for twenty-five years Father Vamos has been near, alongside the Good Shepherd, to comfort us, give strength, and inspire our faith. May Almighty God bless him and us as we gather to celebrate this most important milestone together.

Authored by Judith Vamos
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*Czechoslovakian/Hungarian Woodcut Print*
*"I Am The Good Shepherd" by Artist Michael Florian*

## *Father Joseph Vamos*
## *Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Priesthood*
## *1966 - 1991*

**On Sunday, May 19, 1991 at 11:00 AM the parishioners of Our Lady of Consolation Church will join their pastor, Father Joseph Vamos, in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the parish. At 2:00 PM in the church hall an open house will be held. Both celebrations will honor Father Vamos for twenty-five years of devoted service in the priesthood. The parishioners, too, have a special honor that day. They will represent the thousands of lives Father Vamos has touched over the past twenty-five years. The babies he baptized now have babies of their own, the young folks he married proudly display grandchildren at parish festivals, and the love he feels for the priesthood is more evident today than ever before.**

### ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS!
### A PICNIC IN YOUR HONOR!

The Serra Club will host a picnic to honor altar servers. Date: **Sun. June 2 at 2:00 p.m.** Place: Camp Lawrence. Program: awarding of certificates, refreshments, **fun & games.** Parents are responsible for transportation. If interested please call the Parish Office by **this Friday, May 24.**

### ORDINATION

**All are invited** to attend the ordination of 2 young men (Joseph Angotti & Kevin Huber) to the priesthood on **Sat. June 1 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Patrick's, Chesterton.

### MARKET DAY

New Market Day order forms for Aquinas School are available in our Parish Office. The deadline for orders is **Thurs. May 23.** Delivery day will be Mon. June 3.

### NEEDED: NURSE FOR SUMMER CAMP

Share Foundation with the Handicapped is in need of a nurse (either R.N. or L.P.N.) for their summer camp. Camp runs for 4 weeks beginning July 7. If you would like to have a special experience this summer please call Fr. Blaney at 1-874-3491.

### COLLECTING POSTAGE STAMPS

Remember when you used to collect cancelled postage stamps for the missions? The Franciscan Missions, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Waterford, WI 53185 still do collect them. What they need are any sort of American & foreign postage stamps, accumulations & collections, especially U.S.A. High Value stamps, U.S.A. Commemorative stamps, Foreign Commemorative stamps. If you have any stamps please place them in an envelope and send to the above address.

### MERRILLVILLE'S BIGGEST GARAGE SALE

Fr. Tlapa, who has assisted us here at Our Lady of Consolation, is having a gigantic garage sale. The contents include the various goods from his former parish & school which were closed when he retired. There will be something for everyone — the home, the kids, the garage, the closet, the kitchen! Come & enjoy enourmous bargains. The dates: **May 25 & 26** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The address: The Hermitage, 63rd Ave. & Taft St.

### COME ALONG WITH US
### ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Vacation Bible School will be held here at Our Lady Of Consolation **June 10 - 14**, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. This program is for all children from Preschool age (4yrs.) through 5th grade. Fee: $3 per child. **Registration deadline: June 1.** Please fill out the form below & send to the Parish Office.

**Vacation Bible School**

Family name_____ Phone_____

Child_____ Gr. in school this yr.___

Child_____ Gr. in school this yr.___

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. This feast has always been special to the Church — it is the Birthday of the Church.

Pentecost has been very special to me over the past 25 years. It was on Pentecost weekend that I was ordained at Holy Angels Cathedral (May 28, 1966) and on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, at St. Joseph Church in Hammond I celebrated my First Mass of Thanksgiving.

Twenty-five years later on Pentecost Sunday I celebrate this special silver anniversary with you here at Our Lady of Consolation. It is a great honor and with gratitude to God that we celebrate as a parish family.

Each person and each parish has been very special to me. Throughout my life I have been blessed with loving and caring parents and family; I have been blessed with wonderful and caring parishioners and friends — all who in some way have enriched my life and helped in my ministry to the people of God.

I am grateful for all of you. Each of you has been the "wind beneath my wings." Without you there would be no accomplishments...there would be no reason to celebrate.

To each of you that have entered my life I wish God's blessing and my sincere thanks.

Father Vernon

### SUMMER FESTIVAL '91

We are grateful to all those people who have volunteered to chair one of the booths, games, or dinners for the Festival. We are still in need of 2 more volunteers. We have a chairperson for Elephant Ears but **we need a co-chairperson** to help her. We also **need a chairperson for Teen games.** If you would be willing to help us please call the Parish Office, 769-1755, or Terry Gill, 942-4974.

### MASS FOR GRADUATES

All 1991 High School Graduates are invited to attend a special Mass in their honor on **Sunday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m.** A Continental breakfast will be served for you and your family after Mass. Please call the Parish Office to make reservations.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries this year — 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th — are invited to a special Mass on **Sunday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m.** A Continental Breakfast will be served for you after Mass. Please call the Parish Office to make reservations.

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